

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, September 18, 1881, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL B. & P. R.R. near Washington.  
Sept. 18th, 1881. My darling wife:

Please do take care of yourself so that you may be well and strong for our European trip. Take a drive every fine day but don't walk upstairs. Mr. Gibson and Dennis can carry you up. Don't take the babies out driving with you — they can get plenty of fresh air and sunlight — without going with you. When you go out driving I want you to have nothing to do but to lean back — and enjoy the drive.

My headache has disappeared and a tremendous appetite has made its appearance which has hardly been satisfied by an enormous breakfast at Wilmington. Have you received the C. B. & Q dividend for September? If so endorse it “for deposit and etc.,” and let Richard deposit it at the Cambridge Bank.

The Capital is in sight so I must close this note. If you approve I think it will be well for me to accept Johnson's proposition about going with us to Europe. Will telegraph upon arrival at depot.

Please hunt in the study and see if you can find bundle of letters and papers in large envelope concerning Induction Balance. If so please send me the names and addresses of the poor people who want to have bullets located. I would like to help them if possible before leaving. One especially is from the father of a little boy who was shot last year  
Love.

Alec.